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PRICE ONE CENT.

FORGERY

Charge Made Against Treasurer McCrum.

Raised \$20,000 by Signing Mr. Beck's Name to Notes

Which Were Discounted at Different Banks Throughout the Country—Paper Has Not Become Due to Date.

Notes for \$20,000, claimed by officials to have been forged by Mr. J. H. McCrum, have been discovered by the Akron Varnish Co. in various banks throughout the country.

As soon as it was known that Mr. McCrum had left for parts unknown, Mr. E. G. Kubler, the president of the corporation, sent letters to the banks, with which the company had business relations, asking them to notify the company of the amount and nature of the paper which was held.

It was believed by the officials of the company that Mr. McCrum would not have taken the course that he did unless there was grounds for criminal prosecution. Acting on this theory, prompt steps were taken to ascertain just how much had been stolen. It was anticipated that the amount would be fully as large as that which had been found.

FORGED SIGNATURES.

The notes are for various amounts, some being as small as \$500. The treasurer was careful in preparing the paper. He did not make the notes for so large an amount that suspicion would be aroused. He had another object in view. He wanted notes that would be accepted without any investigation. By keeping down the amounts he succeeded in raising the money without attracting the attention of the other officials. As treasurer of the company he had authority to sign the name of the corporation, but before the notes would be accepted it was necessary that they bear the name of Mr. J. Martin Beck. On the back of all the notes Mr. McCrum forged Mr. Beck's signature. In doing this he made himself liable to prosecution, on criminal charges. The notes are of recent date and it is probable that Mr. McCrum has the greater part of the money in his possession.

It was not known until last week that the missing Treasurer was a defaulter. His friends consoled themselves with the thought that he had lived beyond his means and that he had left Akron because he could not pay his debts. None was willing to admit that he was a criminal.

"It was pride that drove him away," they said. "He could not stay here and face his creditors and he did not want his friends to know that he was hard pressed for money. He will come back some day and pay the debts."

IT HAD BEEN ANTICIPATED.

One week ago today, an official of the company said, to a reporter for the Democrat, that it was feared that Mr. McCrum had forged the signature of Mr. Beck. There was nothing, however, at that time to substantiate the claim. No paper had been sent to the company for collection and it had not received notification that any had been discounted. It was not until Friday that the company was positive that he had raised funds in the manner stated. Fortunately the Akron Varnish Co. is so strong financially that it will not be affected seriously by the shortage. It is now believed that Mr. McCrum sailed for South America with at least \$25,000 in cash in his possession.

Mr. McCrum became suspicious of Mr. Beck shortly after his return to this city from Europe. A reporter for the Democrat was told today of an interview that occurred just before Mr. McCrum was told that his resignation would be accepted. It took place the Monday morning preceding Mr. McCrum's departure from Akron. Sunday afternoon, while Mr. Kubler and Mr. Beck were out driving they passed Mr. McCrum. He was driving a fine team which was attached to his new depot wagon. Turning to Mr. Beck, Mr. Kubler asked, "All that on a salary of \$3,000 a year?" Mr. Beck replied by saying that Mr. McCrum had business interests in Pittsburgh and that he probably raised the money for the purchase of the team by a sale of some of his stock. This did not satisfy Mr. Kubler and he decided to make an investigation the next day. As soon as he reached the office he asked for Mr. McCrum. Taking him into his private office he asked:

"Mr. McCrum where did you get the money to purchase your new team?" The treasurer answered by saying that that was his own private affair and that he was under no obligation to either Mr. Kubler or the Akron Varnish Co. to make known how or where he got the money, so long as he was able to account for the money which passed through his hands as treasurer. This did not satisfy Mr. Kubler and he directed the bookkeeper to take off a trial balance. The result was the discovery of an overdraft of \$4,500.

Turning to Mr. McCrum, the President of the company said: "An overdraft for that sum, on the part of a man who is making but \$3,000 a year, is but little short of stealing. You can leave this office and I do not want you to return."

This was the last time that Mr. McCrum held conversation with Mr. Kubler. He was in the office again but the men did not meet. When he left the city he announced that he was going east to look for a position. He had his plans all prepared and was at that time negotiating for the sale of certain stocks and bonds.

His physicians, however, have advised him that he is not in fit condition to perform the duties of Governor and he has gone on a two months' vacation. Kahunas, a native sect ac-

ording to announcements are praying against Dole, believing in the old native idea of praying enemies to death.

OLD MUSIC HALL.

Canton Incendiaries Select It For a Bonfire.

Canton, O., June 24.—(Spl.)—The old theater "Comique," lately known as the Central Music hall, was badly damaged by fire early Monday morning. The interior is almost a total wreck, the damage being several thousand dollars. The theater has not been paying well lately, and the place has not been open for over six weeks. Fire was undoubtedly the work of incendiaries.

LEADERS

May Have to Show Their Hands.

Liquor Interests Growing Insistent.

Fearful of Receiving the "Double Cross."

Demand Caldwell's Nomination as an Assurance.

(Special Correspondence.)

Columbus, O., June 24.—(Spl.)—The advance guard of the Republican convention is now at work and will be until time is called at four this afternoon. There will be a hard fight on Judge Caldwell for Lieut. Governor, and while wise ones say he will get through, it is apparent that his friends are very apprehensive.

Judge Caldwell is attorney for the Ohio Saloon League, which organization has demanded his re-nomination, that being the only effective means they have of checkmating temperance legislation.

The feeling is growing among the liquor interests of the State that they have been given the double cross by the politicians who have pretended to be friendly to their interests. The fact that candidates who have been satisfactory to the liquor men and who have apparently been favored by Messrs. Hanna and Dick and the rest of the leaders of the dominant faction, have suffered defeat in the legislative conventions, has caused the liquor men to grow suspicious.

The re-election of Judge Caldwell would be a guaranty that no temperance legislation will be permitted to pass the Senate, and no efforts will be spared to effect his nomination. The politicians will have to show their hands in this matter.

In regard to the platform, the Porto Rico plank will be a new feature. There will be a non-committal plank on trusts, and a strong one on gold. The fight for Supreme Judge and Clerk of Court is an open one.

TO COLUMBUS

Most of Delegates Took Sunday Evening Train.

Nearly all the Summit county delegates to the Republican state convention went to Columbus Sunday evening, others Monday morning. General Dick has been in Columbus since Friday. The Trumbull county delegates joined the local delegation here Sunday evening.

Ordered Tracks Removed.

Tracks built across North Forge st., by the Valley railroad, have been ordered removed, by the City Commissioners.

THE WEATHER.

FAIR.

SATISFIED

That Hay's Death Was Accidental.

Fell From a Third-Story Window,

Presumably, While Lost In a Revery.

The Son of Secretary of State Hay,

Formerly Consul at Pretoria—Pres't M'Kinley Sends Flowers.

New Haven, Conn., June 24.—(Spl.)—After thorough investigation, friends of Adelbert Hay are satisfied that his death was accidental.

His father is completely prostrated by the tragic end and other members of the family are in attendance. Funeral arrangements will be made later.

President Kruger has cabled to America ordering a wreath for Adelbert Hay's bier. This is in recognition of the esteem in which he was held by the president, while Mr. Hay was United States Consul at Pretoria, South Africa.

His death occurred Sunday morning shortly after 2 o'clock. The end came in a tragic manner, he having fallen

from a third story window in the New Haven house, this city.

The details of the accident are hard to obtain. He was alone in his room, and it is said to have been not at all unusual for him to stand an hour or so at his bed room window at night smoking while engaged in meditation. In fact, this is said to have been almost a habit with him, and this, in connection with the further fact that he had suffered more or less frequent intervals from attacks of vertigo, makes the manner of his taking off easy for his intimate friends to understand. It is believed that he fell from the window while lost in a revery. Fifteen minutes after he had fallen he was dead.

Adelbert Stone Hay was the son of Secretary of State John Hay. He graduated from Yale university in the class of '98, and was in New Haven to attend the commencement of the college.

SAMPSON'S PICTURE.

It Will be on One Side of the West Indian Medal.

Washington, June 24.—(Spl.)—The Secretary of the Navy today approved a design for the West Indian campaign medal. It provides for a portrait of Admiral Sampson on one side and on the other a representation of "Men behind the guns," with appropriate inscriptions.

APPOINTMENTS.

Secretaries of U. S. Legations to Austria, Guatemala, Honduras.

Washington, June 24.—(Spl.)—President McKinley today made the following appointments: Chandler Hale, of Maine, Secretary of the United States Legation at Vienna, Austria; James J. Bailey, of Kentucky, Secretary of the United States Legation to Guatemala and Honduras.

STILL THEY COME.

Grand Rush of 770 Filipinos Under the Folds of the Stars and Stripes.

Santa Cruz, Luzon, P. I., June 24.—(Spl.)—At 8 o'clock this morning Gen. Cailles, who has for so long a time held out against the United States authorities surrendered at this place with 650 men and 500 rifles.

The General and his men took the

oath of allegiance. Col. Saballes, who with 120 men, had fled to the mountains on learning of Caille's surrender came in last night at solicitation of his chief and with his 120 men surrendered and took the oath of allegiance.

Dropped the Ministry

To Become a Saloonkeeper—

Now Arrested For Murder.

Cincinnati, O., June 24.—(Spl.)—John B. Lewis, who once studied for the ministry, but who of late has been engaged in the saloon business, was locked up at Central Police Station last night on the charge of murder. Shortly before 7 o'clock he shot and killed Charlie, or Ross Cunningham, a cabman, in front of his saloon, "The Flag," located at 415 Central avenue.

Witnesses affirm that Lewis secured a gun and shot Cunningham while the latter was making an effort to escape. On the other hand, Lewis declares he killed his man in self defense. When the news of the shooting reached the ears of several of Cunningham's friends, they tried to demolish the front part of the saloon and were locked up.

Fruit Is Controlled by Trust—High Price For Bananas.

"There has not been a time in the past 25 years when bananas were as high, during the month of June, as at present," said a fruit dealer to a reporter for the Democrat today.

"A trust controls all the fruit and it dictates the selling price. We get our

fruit here in Akron from Barney Sullivan, of Cleveland, the distributing agent for this district. It is impossible to furnish customers with first class bananas for less than 25 cents a dozen and at that there is a very small profit for the dealer."

Will Make Forty-Eight Times That He Has Crossed Ocean.

Mr. E. G. Kubler will sail for Europe Wednesday. He left Akron for New York Monday afternoon. As soon as he can settle important business affairs in Germany he will return to Akron.

"This is the 48th trip that I have made across the ocean," said Mr. Kubler to a reporter for the Democrat. "I find that it is getting a little bit monotonous. The first few times that I sailed the trip was a real pleasure. Now the novelty has worn off."

TERRIBLE

Flood Caused by a Cloudburst

More Than 250 Lives Were Lost.

Property Loss Amounts to \$2,000,000.

Fifteen Villages Swept Away In the Elkhorn Valley.

Bluefield, W. Va., June 24.—(Spl.)—The cloudburst in the Elkhorn Valley, Saturday night did the greatest damage along the line of the Norfolk & Western railway. Thirteen prosperous little mining towns dotted the 15 miles of N. & W. track swept by Elkhorn creek and all were entirely or partially devastated. The towns, beginning on the westward are: Vivian, Landgraf, Keystone, Norfolk, Powatall, Elkhorn Ennis, Mayberry Coalvale, Cooper, Bluestone, Falls Mills and Graham. The stricken district is practically cut off from telegraphic communication. The work of the flood as far as known at present can be summed up as follows:

The loss of life is variously estimated at from 250 to 600, and property loss \$2,000,000.

The town of Keystone was entirely destroyed and a dozen others partially ruined.

Thirty miles of railway track are gone and 200 miles useless for running purposes.

A score of coal plants were damaged and put out of operation for weeks.

One hundred cars were swept away by the torrent.

A steamboat was sunk and pounded to pieces in the raging current of Tug river.

Sixty miles of territory from Vivian to Williamson was swept by the flood and from which not a word has come as to the safety of its people and the fate of its prosperous towns and cities.

Loss Over-Estimated

Roanoke, Va., June 24.—(Spl.)—The survivors of the flood in the Elkhorn Valley reached here this morning. They think the loss of life has been overestimated and that it will not be more than 100.

Swept Away Like Chaff.

Middleport, O., June 24.—(Spl.)—A tornado swept the lower part of town Sunday morning, doing thousands of dollars' worth of damage. No deaths are reported and dwellings were swept away like chaff.

Loss \$1,000,000.

Huntington, W. Va., June 24.—(Spl.)—A correspondent who has just come in from the neighborhood of Elkhorn, Cooper and Keystone, says there is nothing to warrant the statement that these towns have been completely wiped out, though the cloudburst did great damage and many were drowned. It seems certain that the property loss will be more than a million dollars.

BAD STORM

Played Havoc Near Winfield, West Virginia.

Winfield, W. Va., June 24.—(Spl.)—A severe storm Saturday night raged here for three hours. Creeks became raging torrents and houses, barns and crops were washed away. Elvert Easton's house went down the Buffalo creek and his son was drowned. Reports are meagre, but it is reported that several persons were drowned in

Eighteen Mile Creek. Many trestles were washed out and railway traffic is impeded. Wires are down in all directions.

NEARER HOME.

Wind Storm Destroys Much Property at Xenia, O.

Xenia, O., June 24.—(Spl.)—One of the hardest wind storms that ever visited this county occurred Saturday night. Thousands of dollars' worth of property was destroyed, barns were wrecked, houses unroofed and other property blown down. Lucas Grove, a summer resort, near this city, is a total wreck. All telephone lines are down. Reports are constantly coming in of heavy damage.

A FEW BERRIES.

Akron People Bought 25,000 Quarts.

Saturday Was the Season's Banner Day.

"Twenty-five thousand quarts of strawberries were sold in Akron Saturday." This is the estimate of a down-town grocer who sold a good many of the berries himself.

The price averaged less than 10 cents per box, but probably \$2000 were invested in berries by local consumers. It was the biggest day of the strawberry season. After this week the rush will be over.

AMALGAMATION

Of All Catholic Societies In America Is Proposed.

Cincinnati, June 24.—(Spl.)—Twenty thousand Knights of St. John are in attendance at the annual convention of their order today. The most important matter before the convention is the proposed amalgamation of all Catholic societies in America.

TO SEE THE CITY.

Two Canton Boys Ran Away From Home.

John Nelan, of Canton, called at police headquarters Monday to ask assistance in finding his 16-year-old son who in company with a Canton policeman's son named Wilhelm, ran away Saturday night.

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"PRAYING HIM TO DEATH."

A Sect In Honolulu Yearn For the Taking Off of Gov. Dole--Says He Hasn't Resigned.

San Francisco, June 24.—(Spl.)—The last mail from Honolulu contains a denial by Governor Dole of the report that he had sent his resignation to Washington.

His physicians, however, have advised him that he is not in fit condition to perform the duties of Governor and he has gone on a two months' vacation. Kahunas, a native sect ac-